



# The Vermont Statutes Online

## Title 16 : Education

### Chapter 021 : Maintenance Of Public Schools

(Cite as: 16 V.S.A. § 829)

- **§ 829. Prekindergarten education**

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) "Prekindergarten child" means a child who, as of the date established by the district of residence for kindergarten eligibility, is three or four years of age or is five years of age but is not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

(2) "Prekindergarten education" means services designed to provide to prekindergarten children developmentally appropriate early development and learning experiences based on Vermont's early learning standards.

(3) "Prequalified private provider" means a private provider of prekindergarten education that is qualified pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(b) Access to publicly funded prekindergarten education:

(1) No fewer than ten hours per week of publicly funded prekindergarten education shall be available for 35 weeks annually to each prekindergarten child whom a parent or guardian wishes to enroll in an available, prequalified program operated by a public school or a private provider.











and public providers of prekindergarten education, commuting patterns, and other region-specific criteria; and

(C) shall be designed to support existing partnerships between the school district and private providers of prekindergarten education.

(3) If a school board chooses to pay tuition to providers solely within its prekindergarten region, and if a resident prekindergarten child is unable to access publicly funded prekindergarten education within that region, then the child's parent or guardian may request and in its discretion the district may pay tuition at the statewide rate for a prekindergarten education program operated by a prequalified provider located outside the prekindergarten region.

(4) Except for the narrow exception permitting a school board to limit geographic boundaries under subdivision (1) of this subsection, all other provisions of this section and related rules shall continue to apply. (Added 2007, No. 62, § 3; amended 2007, No. 132 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; 2011, No. 129 (Adj. Sess.), § 9; 2013, No. 92 (Adj. Sess.), § 100, eff. Feb. 14, 2014; 2013, No. 166 (Adj. Sess.), § 1, eff. May 28, 2014; 2015, No. 11, § 13; 2017, No. 49, § 45, eff. May 23, 2017.)

## **STATUTES**

- [Vermont Statutes Online](#)
- [Statutes Search](#)
- [Vermont Statutes at Lexis/Nexis](#)

## **CONSTITUTION**

- [Constitution of the State of Vermont](#)

## **ACTS**

- [Acts & Resolves](#)
- [Acts Affecting VSA Sections](#)

## **RULES**

- [State Agency Rules at Lexis/Nexis](#)
- [Court Rules at Lexis/Nexis](#)
- [Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules \(LCAR\)](#)

## **CONTACT**

Vermont State House  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301  
(802) 828-2228  
sgtatarms@leg.state.vt.us

Capitol Police Department  
(802) 828-2229

#### **MEMBER & STAFF LINKS**

[Legislative Email Sign-on](#)  
[Legislative Time Reporting](#)  
[Legislative Expense Reporting](#)  
[iPad Tips & Tricks](#)  
[How to Use This Website](#)

#### **STATE GOVERNMENT**

[State of Vermont](#)  
[Governor](#)  
[Lieutenant Governor](#)  
[Attorney General](#)  
[Auditor](#)  
[Secretary of State](#)  
[Treasurer](#)  
[Judiciary](#)  
[State Telephone Directory](#)

#### **NOTEWORTHY**

[Announcements](#)  
[Scheduled Committee Meetings](#)  
[Legislative Schedule](#)

#### **SITE RESOURCES**

[Sitemap | Disclaimers](#)  
[Questions & Comments | Career Opportunities](#)  
[Requests for Proposals](#)

---

Comments or questions about the website? Fill out our feedback form and let us know.

Developers



Copyright 2019 State of Vermont. All rights reserved.

Website Design & Development by Bluehouse Group

